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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORD- ING SECRETARY FOR 1910.

*To the President and Members of the Columbia Historical Society,
Greeting:*

The Recording Secretary submits the Seventeenth Annual Report, beginning with the 113th meeting, January 11, 1910, and ending with the 119th meeting, December 20th, of the same year.

During the year the Society has admitted 30 new members, lost 8 by death, 6 by resignation, 14 by other causes, and still has a membership of 234, our gains just balancing our losses.

The Board of Managers have held 7 meetings, with an average attendance of 9 members. The Society has held 7 meetings, 5 in the Banquet Hall of the Shoreham and 2 in the Lecture Hall of the Washington Club, with an average attendance of 71 members and guests.

Volume 13 of *The Records*, issued in 1910, contains 217 pages and 16 fine illustrations.

The Secretary takes great pleasure in recording the renting of a room for the Society's library in the Pacific Building. The attendance at this room can be only a labor of love owing to the limited means at the Society's disposal. The room so far has been open but one day each week; it is, however, a step in the right direction and will no doubt, in time, lead to better things—larger quarters, librarian and assistants, a thorough system of indexing, not only of titles but also of the contents of all books relating to District affairs.

Although not known when the room was rented, it has been learned recently that no more appropriate building could have been selected as the first home of the Society's library, since the Society itself had its inception in this very building, the present Corresponding Secretary and the Curator having been accustomed to meet in the latter's office in the Pacific Building to

discuss District history long before they took their plan of a historical society to Dr. Toner who became the first president of this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY STEVENS BEALL,

Recording Secretary.

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